

pleased to count myself as one of Colonel Rice's friends and wish him well in the next stage of life's journey.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEN CANE
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate my constituent and dear friend, Len Cane, on the occasion of his retirement as president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Ulster County, New York. Having served in that capacity for 34 years, Len has earned the respect and affection of the business and education communities in my home county and throughout New York State.

An ardent advocate of public education, Len has served as president of the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services as well as the Kingston City Schools' Board of Education. In October 2002, the 7,500-member New York State School Boards Association honored him with the Distinguished Service Award as the organization's outstanding member.

Len is a graduate of the Institutes for Organization Management, a continuing education program for organization managers from across the country. He was a member of the program's Board of Regents for six years and of its executive faculty for 11 years, instructing at the University of Delaware and at Notre Dame.

At the helm of Ulster's Chamber of Commerce, Len has been a wonderful ambassador for the county. He is a past president of the Chamber Alliance of New York State and the Mid-Atlantic Chamber of Commerce Execu-

tives. He also served for seven years as Chairman of the Mid-Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce Executives and was a two-term president of the Ulster County Development Corporation. In 1996 Len's New York state colleagues named him the Outstanding Professional Chamber of Commerce Executive.

Notwithstanding his outstanding accomplishments, Len is best known for his lightning-quick wit and self-effacing humor. I am sure Len's successors will perform commendably as chamber presidents, but none will make us laugh as Len has for more than three decades.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join Len Cane's colleagues, friends and family in extending my best wishes to him and his wife Lee for a long and happy retirement. His wonderful personality and unsurpassed professionalism have made Len a tremendous asset to the Hudson Valley and Catskill regions. We will miss him dearly.